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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 29, 2007, that was in response to an Amendment filed on May 17, 2007 along with a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which beings on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.